formulations being paid duty drawback more than once have come to the notice of the Ministry;

(b) If so, what is the number of such cases detected during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what are the names of the companies and what was the quantity of each drug involved; and

(d) what steps have been taken to to investigate the whole issue?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Customs duty concessions on drug Intermediates

2643. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have given customs duty concessions on drug intermediates and bulk drugs on the recommendations of the Department of Chemicals;

(b) if so, on what basis his Ministry accepted these recommendations;

(c) what are the names of bulk drugs and drug intermediates on which such reduction was given during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry did not ascertain the benefit that accrued to the public from the Department of Chemicals before granting such concessions;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether it is also a fact that concessions have been on price decontroled drugs and intermediates going into the production of such drugs;

(g) whether it is also a fact that despite reduction in prices, they have gone up; and

(h) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (h) Customs duty concessions are given to specified bulk drugs and drug intermediates generally based on the recommendations of the Ministry of Petroleum & Chemicals. The following notifications were issued during the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 prescribing concessional rate of customs duty in respect of drug intermediates and bulk drugs:—

Sl. No.	Notification No.	Dated
1	14/88 –Cus.	1-3-88
2	212/88 –Cus.	30-6-88
3	213/88 –Cus.	30-6-88
4	247/88 –Cus.	16-9-88
5	290/88 –Cus.	12-10-88
6	296/88 –Cus.	1-11-88
7	20/89 - Cus.	2-2-89
8	42/89 - Cus.	1-3-89
9	45/89 –Cus.	1-3-89
10	38/90 –Cus.	20-3-90
11	39/90 - Cus.	20-3-90
12	40/90 – Cus.	20-3-90

These notifications contain the names of bulk drugs and drug intermediates on which customs duty has been wholly or partially exempted. The above

notifications have been duly laid on the Table of the House:

These concessions cover products which are subjected to price control and others. Finance Ministry does not have any mechanism to ascertain how the duty reduction will be reflected in the final consumer prices. The administrative ministry viz. the Ministry of Petroleum & Chemicals takes into account the duty concessions while fixing the pieces of bulk drugs and formulations under the drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

कुवैत में रह रहे भारतीयों से विदेशी मुद्रा की आय

2644. **डा० अ रार अहमद खान :**

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कुवैत में रह रहे 2 लाख भारतीयों से भारत को प्रति वर्ष कुल कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा प्राप्त होती है तथा वापस लौट आने पर सरकार इस नुकसान को किस प्रकार विदेशी मुद्रा में पूरा करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) इराक द्वारा कुवैत पर कब्जा कर लेने से उत्पन्न हुए संकट के कारण भारत को कितना वित्तीय बोझ उठाना पड़ेगा, और इसका हमारे देश की आर्थिक स्थिति पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ेगा ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमत्री (श्री अनिल शास्त्री). कुवैत में रहने वाले भारतीयों व अन्य सभी देशों से स्वदेश भेजी गई प्रेषणाएं भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा प्रकाशिमे भुगतान शेष संबंधी आंकड़ों में "गैर सरकारी अन्तरण अदायगियां" नामक प्रमुख मद का हिस्सा होती है। वह सूचना देश वार संकलित नहीं की जाती है। अत, यह मूल्यांकन करना सम्भव नहीं है कि कुवैत में वर्तमान संकट के कारण विदेशी मुद्रा में कितनी हानि हुई है।

(ख) अनिश्चितताओं को देखते हुए, संकट के कारण जिसका प्रभाव पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की लागत और उपलब्धता, खाड़ी क्षेत्र, विशेष रूप से कुवैत, में भारतीय से प्रेषणाओं और कुवैत में भारतीय नागरिकों के हितों की रक्षा के लिए किए गए अन्य प्रबन्धों पर पड़ेगा, देश की आर्थिक स्थिति पर वित्तीय भार और प्रभाव का मूल्यांकन करना कठिन है।

Revision of selling prices of Sulphur and Rock Phosphate

2645. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MMTC has recently revised the selling prices of sulphur and rock phosphate; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for the revision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Selling prices of Sulphur and Rock Phosphate for the quarter July-Sept' 90 as compared to those for the preceding quarter April—June' 90 are as under:

(Rs. per MT)

	July-Sept.	April-June
SULPHUR		
A. Fertilizer Use.		
High Seas . .	2042	2148
Ex-Jetty . .	2298	2375
Ex-Plot . .	2387	2464
B. Non-Fertilizer Use.		
High Ses . .	2292	2398
Ex-Jetty . .	2548	2625
Ex-Plot . .	2637	2714
ROCK PHOSPHATE		
High Seas . .	1195	1215
Ex-Jetty (for Calcutta only) . .	1431	1451